Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 24 Oct 2023 at 16:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled and changeable conditions through the coming days. Lower for exact rain and wind details so stay up to date with the forecast.

Headline for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023: Low cloud and patchy rain but drier in the west. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
		FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG
Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	60%	60%	60%	60%	80%	80%

Forecast for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Weather: Mainly dry with a little brightness at first over ranges immediately close to the west coast. Otherwise, cloudy and misty with occasional light rain, falling as sleet or wet snow above 1100m.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10% for most ranges. 40% along immediate west coast and Skye.

Low cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility for most of the day at height with extensive low cloud and fog above 500 or 600m, down to lower slopes in the east. Cloud patchier and above 700m at times near the west coast.

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Forecast for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	20/26 E	20/26 E	25/31 E	31/39 E	34/43 E	34/43 E	36/47 E	35/46 E	34/44 E
900	20/26 E	21/27 E	24/31 E	30/38 E	32/41 E	32/41 E	36/47 E	34/45 E	33/43 E
600	11/18 E	13/20 E	15/23 E	19/28 E	21/31 E	22/32 E	25/37 E	23/35 E	22/34 E
300	6/17 E	6/18 E	6/20 E	9/25 E	10/29 E	10/30 E	12/33 E	11/31 E	12/29 E
Glen	9/17 E	10/19 E	10/21 E	12/23 E	12/24 E	14/27 E	18/34 E	18/33 E	18/32 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-4	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6
900	2/-3	2/-3	2/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-5	2/-5	2/-5
600	4/1	4/0	4/0	5/0	5/0	5/0	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1
300	5/3	5/2	5/3	6/3	7/4	7/4	6/3	6/3	6/2
Glen	8/5	7/5	7/4	8/6	10/8	10/7	9/6	9/6	9/5
Freezing Level*	1300m	1400m	1400m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling cold at height with a significant wind chill in the damp conditions along with difficult navigation conditions.

Forecast for Thursday 26 Oct 2023
Weather: Mostly cloudy with further spells of rain, possibly heavy at times in the east but occasionally drier in the west. Sleet on the highest Munro tops in the morning.

Maximum wind: East or southeast 25mph gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10%.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor for most of the day with extensive low cloud and fog above 600 or 700m. Patchier cover with higher bases in far west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 10 or 11C.
At 800m: Plus 3C rising to 6C.
Freezing level: 1300m, rising well above summits.

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